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UM GRADUATE STUDENT  
ON TV'S 'WILD KINGDOM'

MISSOULA--

Roger D. Page, Fargo, N.D., a research fellow in the Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University of Montana in Missoula, will participate in Mutual of Omaha's "Wild Kingdom" television program this Sunday and next Sunday (Feb. 3 and Feb. 10).

Page, who also is a candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree in zoology at UM, joins show host Marlin Perkins in the presentations, which feature films of trumpeter swans in southwestern Montana.

"Wild Kingdom" is scheduled to be shown at 6 p.m. MDT both Sundays on KGOV-TV (Channel 13), Missoula; KTVM-TV (Channel 6), Butte; KCFW-TV (Channel 9), Kalispell; KTCM-TV (Channel 12), Helena, and KYUS-TV (Channel 3), Miles City. Viewers in other areas may check television schedules for time and date.

The two shows were filmed on the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, where Page is doing research on the trumpeter swans. The refuge is 28 miles east of Monida and five miles north of the Montana-Idaho border.

This Sunday's show will deal with the nesting season and the winter feeding and spring mating habits of the birds, Page said.

Banding of the swans, which are flightless when molting (losing their feathers) will be featured on the show Feb. 10. The swans flock together during molting and are most easily caught for banding during this part of their annual life cycle, Page said.

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Page said the trumpeter swan was placed on the endangered species list in 1935 when its known population dropped below 70 in the U.S. He said the bird was removed from the list in 1968 because of its comeback on the Red Rock Lakes Refuge, where the swan population now totals about 700. The trumpeter swan population in northern Canada and Alaska has reached several thousand, Page said.

Page received his bachelor's degree at North Dakota State University, Fargo, in May 1967.

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